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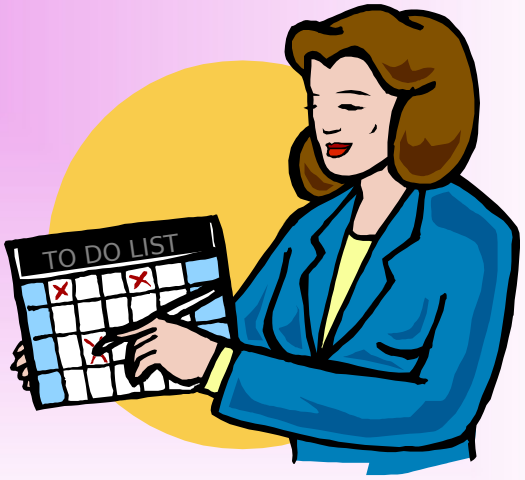

Introduction

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As a family member of the military community, you are a vital player in our success, and we couldn't do our job without your support.

You may not know it, **but you play a crucial role in ensuring your loved ones safety just by what you know of the military's day-to-day operations.**

You can protect your loved ones by protecting the information that you know. This is known in the military as Operation Security or, OPSEC.

What Is OPSEC?

OPSEC is…

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… keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. As the name suggests, it protects our operations – planned, in progress and those completed. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission quicker and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want our information, and they're not just after the military member to gain it – they want you, the family member.

OPSEC teaches you to:

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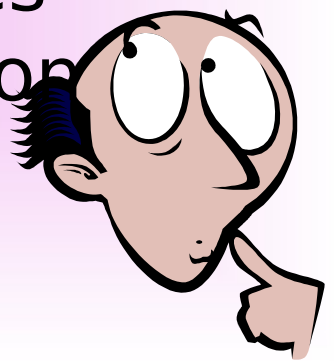
- Look at your daily activities from an enemies' point of view
- Understand what an enemy might know about you and your family
- Assess the amount of risk this places on you and your family
- Develop and apply countermeasures, which are ways of preventing enemies from gaining your sensitive information



So… What can I Do?

Limit what you say about…

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- Military movements (deployment/redeployment dates, dates of field exercises, flight information etc.)… next Tuesday IS a specific date
- Any issues with the unit
- Anything concerning security
- Equipment issues (what, no flak vests?)
- Locations of units (it's OK to say they're in Iraq, but not to say that your spouses battalion is at 14th and Ramadan i Kadamiyah)

DON'T DO IT in these places!

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- Clubs/Bars
- Restaurants
- Gyms
- Shopping
- Public transportation
- Basically anywhere someone you don't know could be listening

The Don'ts of OPSEC

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Don't:

- Discuss future destinations
- Discuss future operations or missions
- Discuss dates and times of exercises
- Discuss readiness issues or numbers
- Discuss specific training equipme

The Don’ts of OPSEC

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- Discuss people’s names and jobs in conjunction with operations
- Speculate about future operations
- Spread rumors about operations
- Assume the enemy is not trying to collect information on military operations, you, or your family

OPSEC measures you should practice daily:

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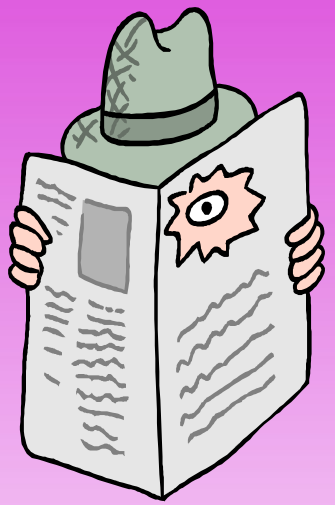

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Keep sensitive discussions in designated secure areas
- Keep a need-to-know attitude (if they don’t need to know, don’t tell them)
- Safeguard sensitive but unclassified information

A Few OPSEC Terms

These are a few words you'll here often when talking about OPSEC:

- Critical Information - Specific facts about you as well as our military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities
- Indicators - Any activity that seems innocent but could point to critical information
- Vulnerability - A weakness that someone can use to get your critical information

A Few more OPSEC Terms

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- Risk - The probability that someone will gain your critical information, and the damage that could be caused if they are successful

- Countermeasures - Things you can do to stop others from learning your Critical Information

Critical Information

Examples of Critical Information

- Detailed information about missions of assigned units
- **Details** concerning locations and **times of unit deployments**
- **Personal transactions** that occur in large numbers (pay information, powers of attorney, wills and deployment information)
- References to trend in unit morale
- Personnel problems
- Details concerning security procedures

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Indicators

Some examples of Indicators:

- An increase in field exercises
- Large troop movements
- Railhead details
- Ceremonies
- Large number of wills and power of attorneys being processed
- Increase in financial activity
- Tightened security
- POV storage lots being set up

Vulnerability

Example of a Vulnerability

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An enemy can physically **observe your daily activities** such as driving your children to school and shopping, or they can **listen to your phone conversations** and **monitor your Internet/e-mail activities** to get that information

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Risk

Some examples of Risk:

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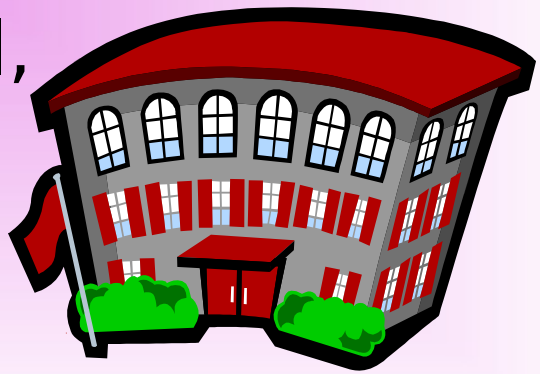
- If an adversary found out flight dates and times for airmen deploying overseas, would he use that information against them?

- If an enemy knew when and where your kids went to school, would he use that against you to gain any information you might know?



Countermeasures

Countermeasures…

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- Taking different routes to work, school etc
- Changing up your schedule (instead of always doing groceries on Wednesday, change it to different days)
- Changes the times you do certain daily activities (jogging, shopping, going to the gym)
- Destroy trash with personal information on it
- Keep personal information in a safe or lock box

Online OPSEC

The World Wide Web

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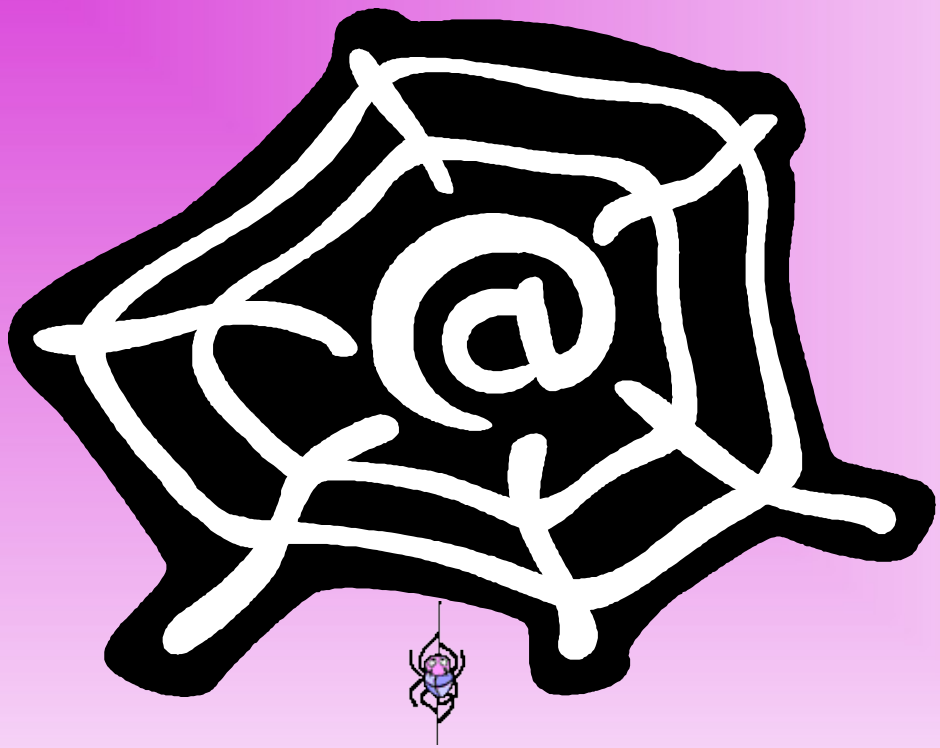

Personal Websites

Do you have one? Does it include information that **strangers shouldn't know** about your spouse's job and/or personal information on your family? Do you link it from forums and websites that you frequent?

OPSEC Measures You Should Practice Online

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- Do not discuss sensitive information in
  - E-mails
  - Chat rooms/instant messaging
  - Blogs
- Avoid posting excessive personal information on your family website
  - When spouses deploy
  - Your family members full names, ages or where they attend school
  - Your address
  - Rank/MOS
- "A picture is worth a thousand words…" Keep this in mind when posting them.

Remember… Anything put on the Internet is available to ANYONE on the Internet… It IS the World Wide Web

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On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog

OPSEC In Your Daily Activities

Friends and Family

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Do your friends and family who are not familiar with the military understand the importance of not revealing what you tell them? *Are you sure?* Talking with those you do share information about your family member's comings and goings can sometimes be a good idea.

Not sharing the details is an even better

Telephones

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Simply put, they're not secure. Cell phones, cordless phones and land-lines can all be compromised. Censor what you discuss on the phone because you never know who could be listening in on you.

Are emails really secure?

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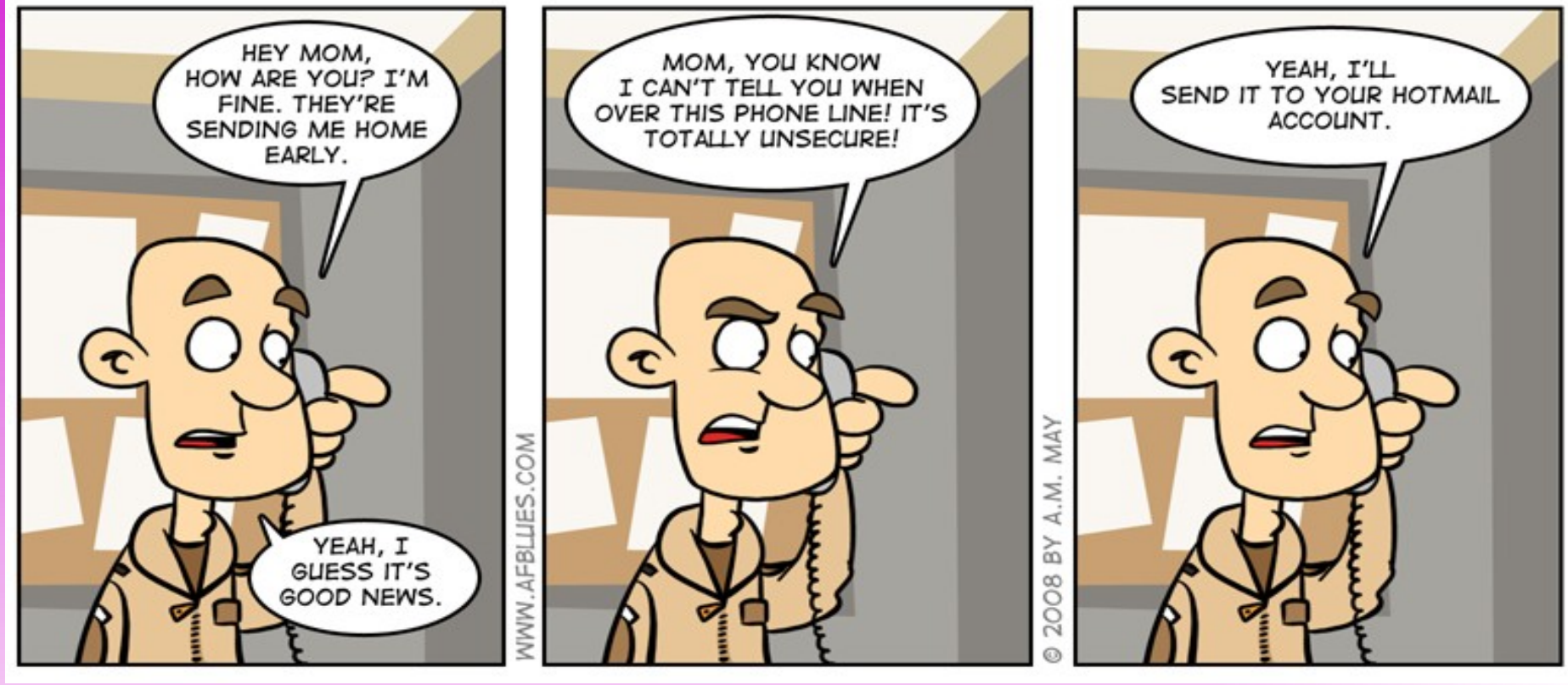
HEY MOM, HOW ARE YOU? I'M FINE. THEY'RE SENDING ME HOME EARLY.
YEAH, I GUESS IT'S GOOD NEWS.
MOM, YOU KNOW I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN OVER THIS PHONE LINE! IT'S TOTALLY UNSECURE!
YEAH, I'LL SEND IT TO YOUR HOTMAIL ACCOUNT.
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Out and About

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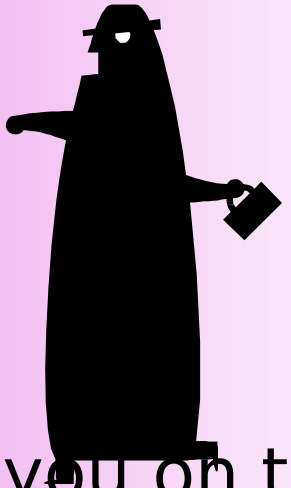
Be careful what you talk about when you're out in public. You don't know if the person next to you is friendly or not.



- Joe the cashier at the grocery store
- Your spotter at the gym
- One of your neighbors
- The person that was sitting behind you on the bus listening to you complain about your spouses unit always being deployed and when.

Point is, you NEVER KNOW!

Conclusion

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Thank you for taking the time to to review this briefing. Our goal is to provide you with a greater understanding of our security concerns. The information in this guide is not intended to make you paranoid or suspicious that everyone you meet is a spy or terrorist. But stay alert... if any stranger shows excessive interest in the affairs of your family members, military or not, please notify the proper authorities.

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